

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,413,030,984,842.14. We've added \$10,611,625,809,547.86 dollars to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on this afternoon of February 14, 2012, I unfortunately missed rollcall vote 49. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 49, on approving the Journal.

HONORING ELIZABETH JOANNE
SHUPE**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to a special lady

who hails from the same section of Appalachia as I do. Elizabeth Joanne Shupe was born February 11, 1932, in Russell County, Virginia, just across the border from northeast Tennessee. Through her life she has observed the transformation of this beautiful area we call home.

The proud mother of four children, Mrs. Shupe worked remarkably hard to support her family after the death of her second husband. Later in her career she found her calling as a nurse, putting herself through school while raising a son on her own. She kept nursing until just a few years ago at the age of 75.

Since retirement she has kept active, campaigning for her son (and city alderman) Jantry Shupe, teaching ceramic painting at an assisted living community, or pursuing her hobby of taking photographs with celebrities. Mrs. Shupe's vibrant spirit continues to shine as it has her entire life.

As of February 11, Mrs. Shupe is now 80 years young, and I am proud to honor her on the occasion of this milestone birthday.